



*Thomas F. Meagher*

FOUNDATION

PROMOTING PRIDE IN AND RESPECT FOR  
THE IRISH FLAG AND ITS MEANING FOR PEACE,

ENCOURAGING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP THROUGH  
SCHOOLS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

# YOUR SCHOOL IS INVITED TO

## Irish Flag Presentation

Your school is invited to receive an Irish Flag at the 1848 Tricolour Celebrations in Waterford in March. This flag will have flown from 33 The Mall, where the first Irish Flag was flown.

## Flag Week

The Foundation will provide your school with a fundraising pack of lapel badges, posters and an information booklet in order for your students to raise money for a local project or organisation of your choosing.

## Schools Awards and Scholarships

The Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation will launch a schools awards and scholarships programme. This will acknowledge and recognise the students who are active citizens in their schools.

**The 1848  
Tricolour  
Celebration**  
*A Celebration of Irish Culture*



Henry Shefflin  
10 times All Ireland  
Hurling Medal winner



Helene Conway Mouret  
French Minister for  
the Diaspora



Packie Bonner  
Former Republic of  
Ireland Goalkeeper



Rev Michael Cavanagh  
Church of Ireland Priest-  
in-Charge of the Kenmare  
and Dromod Union



Cora Staunton  
9-time Ladies  
Football All Star

Honorary Advisory Board Members

## Our Aims & Objectives

The Thomas F Meagher Foundation aims to promote pride in and respect for the Irish flag and its true meaning for peace on this island. The Foundation is named after Thomas Francis Meagher, Irish Patriot, US army general and Governor of Montana who flew the first Tricolour flag on the 7th of March 1848 from 33 The Mall in Waterford at the Wolf Tone Club.

The Thomas F Meagher Foundation strives to ensure that every citizen in Ireland – and in particular, every schoolchild – is aware of the history and meaning behind the National Flag and recognises the extraordinary life of Thomas F Meagher. At the 1848 Tricolour Celebration in Waterford the Foundation will present all schools with an Irish Tricolour flown from 33 The Mall.

The Foundation will also be a vehicle for participating schools across Ireland to raise funds for their own projects during 'Flag Week'. In order to support active citizenship in Ireland, the Foundation has established an awards and scholarship programme to recognise outstanding students who have contributed to their schools and community by displaying commitment to the aims of the Foundation.

Irish Flags which had flown from 33 The Mall, Waterford from where Thomas F. Meagher flew the first Tricolour were presented by the city's Mayor in conjunction with the Thomas F. Meagher Foundation at the 1848 Tricolour Celebration on the 1,100th anniversary of the City to every Mayor and Chairperson of all City and County Councils in the State for display in their Council Chambers. A school from each county were also presented with a Tricolour to mark the occasion.

## Awards, Scholarships & Flag Week

In 2015 the Thomas F Meagher Foundation will launch a schools awards and scholarships programme to recognise outstanding students who have promoted pride in and respect for the flag, and are active citizens in their community.

## Flag Week

Flag Weeks is the highlight of the Thomas F Meagher Foundation's year and takes place in the week leading up to St Patrick's Day. Flag week is a platform for students and communities to raise funds for projects of their choice in their local area by selling tricolour lapel badges provided by the Thomas F Meagher Foundation.

## Active Citizenship

The objective of Flag Week, the Schools Awards and Scholarship Programme to to encourage active citizenship among students, raise funds for local charities and promote awareness of the flag's symbolism for peace.



Congressman  
Thomas Rooney

Mickey Ned O'Sullivan  
1975 All-Ireland Winning  
Captain

Ambassador Loyola Hearn  
Canadian Ambassador  
To Ireland

Fr Joe Mallin  
Son of Michael Mallin one  
of the 1916 leaders

Michael Walsh  
Manager of City of  
Waterford

## Honorary Advisory Board Members



***'The white in the centre signified a lasting truce between Orange and Green. I trust that beneath its folds the hands of the Irish Catholic and the Irish Protestant may be clasped in generous and heroic brotherhood.'***

**Thomas F. Meagher,  
13 April 1848**

Senator Mark Daly, All-Party Consultation Group on Commemorations

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Niamh Briggs  
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Year 2013



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Timothy Scully  
Notre Dame



Colonel James  
P. Tierney  
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States of America



John Treacy  
Olympic Silver  
Medal Winner



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